

FMB Selects New Missioners; Steps Up Relief Program

In its March 13 meeting the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 12 career missionaries, employed four missionary associates, reappointed a former missionary couple, elected four missionary field representatives, appropriated \$18,000 for relief projects in Nigeria - Biafra, and authorized a study of the physical and social needs of the people of South Vietnam for the purpose of developing a long-range plan for ministering more effectively among them.

Dr. Walter Delamarter, associate professor of social work and director of social work education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was asked to assist Vietnam missionaries with the study during July and August.

Rev. and Mrs. William W. Marshall were appointed missionaries to the Middle East, and in another action he was named field representative for the Middle East. He will work with missionaries in Israel, Gaza, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen, Libya, Morocco, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, and India. For five years he has been an associate secretary in the Board's department for missionary personnel.

The other field representatives named at the March meeting are veteran missionaries. Dr. John Allen Moore, missionary to Europe since 1938, was made field representative for Europe. He will be closely associated with Southern Baptist missionaries in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland, and he will continue as fraternal representative of Southern Baptists to Baptists of Eastern Europe.

Rev. John E. Mills, missionary to Africa since 1947, was elected field

representative for West Africa. His region for the present will be Liberia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Togo, Senegal, and Dehoney, Mr. and Mrs. Mills served in Nigeria until 1964 when they became Southern Baptists' first missionaries to the Ivory Coast.

Rev. Davis L. Saunders was elected field representative for East and Central Africa, where Southern Baptists currently have work in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Rhodesia, Botswana, South West Africa, and Angola. Now in the States on furlough, Mr. Saunders is completing requirements for the doctor of theology degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He and Mrs. Saunders were appointed missionaries to Nigeria in 1951 and were transferred five years later to East Africa as one of three pioneer couples to open work in that area.

The four new field representatives bring to eight the number of missionaries now serving in that capacity. The other four serve in the Latin American area.

Expanded Information
Directors of two of the Board's three administrative divisions reported on exploration of new means of expanding the Christian witness and of improving the collection and dissemination of information.

Dr. Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, said plans are being developed for involving more deeply in Christian missions the thousands of lay Christians who go overseas every year in connection with military, business, or government projects or as tourists.

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State Student Conference Set Gulfshore April 18-20

The annual Mississippi Baptist Student Leadership Training Conference will be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian April 18-20.

Miss Nancy Holland, student at Mississippi State College for Women, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention, will preside.

Local Baptist Student Union officers from 30 schools and colleges in the state are expected to attend, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Principal speakers will be Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. Louis R. Cobbs, personnel secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Rev. John Smith, director of Baptist student work, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. W. Arthur Comper, Baptist missionary to Nigeria, and Rev. Joe M. Cobb, Baptist student director, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville.

Rev. Bill Stroup, Baptist student director, Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, will direct conference music.

Features will include the election and installation of 1969-70 officers of the Baptist State Student Convention, and reports on campus BSU activities.

Simultaneous conferences will be held on Saturday with the following subjects and leaders:

Worship: Dr. Wester; enlistment: Harold Gully, Baptist Student Director, Mississippi State University; study: Arthur Driscoll, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; evangelism: Al Rahn, Baptist Student Director, Savannah, Georgia; fellowship: Steve Cloud and Bill Arnold, students, Mississippi College; communications: Miss Virginia Earle, Baptist Student Director, Mississippi State College for Women; missions: Miss Beverly Hammack, graduate student, Tulane University, Mr. Smith, Mr. Cobbs; YWA presidents: Miss Marjean Patterson, Jackson, state Baptist WMS director; BSU presidents: Mr. Winders.

Finals of the State BSU basketball tournament for boys and girls will be held under direction of Rev. Roy Smith, Baptist student director, Copiah - Lincoln Junior College, Wesson.

The conference will begin Friday evening and adjourn Sunday morning.

Lottie Moon Offering Reaches \$13,432,153

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received \$13,432,153.25 from the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (as of March 21), reports Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Board.

This is \$1,531,791.82 more than had been received as of approximately the same date last year.

Books on the 1968 offering will remain open until May 1.

Phelps Resigns At Ouachita

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)—Citing strong disagreement with ultra-conservative forces within the Arkansas Baptist Convention, Ralph A. Phelps has resigned as president of Ouachita Baptist University after 16 years in the post.

Phelps said there were too many conservatives in the Arkansas convention who wanted to make Ouachita into a Bible institute, and that the convention seemed to be in control of the ultra-conservatives who were against quality education.

Considering Other Posts
The 47-year-old educator has been named president emeritus of the Baptist school, according to Jeral Hamp-

ton of Booneville, Ark., president of the school's board of trustees who announced officially Phelps' resignation.

Phelps said he is considering several other positions, but has not yet made a decision on his plans for the future. He said he would make a decision in a few days.

Hampton said Phelps had written letters dated Oct. 15, 1968, and Jan. 13, 1969, saying he did not plan to serve as president beyond the present contract year. Announcement of his resignation was made when faculty appointments for 1969-70 were released.

In an interview, Phelps said that he felt 16 years as president of Ouachita were enough, especially in the light of the difficulties of the job.

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48,000 Hear Graham In Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (March 17, 1969) — Evangelist Billy Graham drew the largest crowd of his current Australian and New Zealand evangelistic tour when 48,000 people overflowed Melbourne's Myer Music Bowl Sunday afternoon.

Some 103,000 people heard Evangelist Graham during his opening weekend here in Victoria's capital city.

Previous high attendance for Graham's 1969 meetings in the Southern Hemisphere was in Auckland, New Zealand, on March 3 when 42,000 turned out for his final service. The opening night here Friday saw 29,500 people attend with an additional 25,750 the second night.

Forbidding skies and a cool wind which followed a typical March deluge did not seem to deter the crowds. Sun broke through the clouds at the close of today's meeting.

After each message, Evangelist Graham has invited those who wish to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, or who wish to inquire further, to come forward for counseling. Those coming forward thus far numbered approximately 2,900 people. In recent Graham Crusades more than 50% of those in attendance, as well as those registering as inquirers, have been between 14 and 24 years of age. On Saturday night approximately 75% of the audience was made up of young people.

U.S. Youth Has Lost Its Guts Students Told

FORT WORTH (BP) — "America's youth has lost its guts!"

So charged R. Keith Parks, secretary to Southeast Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during the 20th annual College Student Missions Conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

"Oh, you scream about poverty, war, love and everything under the sun," Parks told more than 1,500 students attending the conference.

"Then you cop out — take a trip and lie down among your flowers under the sun. The over-30 folks get the rap. They are answering questions nobody asks," he said.

The missions leader added that youth have no right to criticize the church unless they have something better to demonstrate.

Speaking on "Christ and Crisis," Parks said that American youth have two options: to turn their backs on Jesus Christ and his church, or to get into relationship with him and stay in it.

"Christ didn't just solve crises," he said. "He solved the cause for crisis."

The address by Parks was one of four major messages at the annual student missions conference dealing with the overall theme, "Crisis," as it relates to Christ, to the church, to the individual, and to the college campus.

It's Springtime In Mississippi

LO, THE WINTER IS PAST... the time of the singing of birds is come... the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell... (Solomon's Song 2:11-13) Above is a side view of D'evereux,

famous old anti-bellum home in Natchez, constructed in 1840. Here Henry Clay, close friend of the original owner, entertained. Thousands of tourists now visit Mississippi during Natchez pilgrimage time each March. — (Photo by Louis C. Williams)

HMB Names New Officers, Staff Member Resigns

ATLANTA (BP)—Harmon M. Born, president of an Atlanta auto sales firm and chairman of the board of deacons of Rock Baptist Church in Rex, Ga., has been elected president of the board of directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

Other new officers include I. B. Hall of Florida, first vice president; Mrs. Robert R. Hallman of Atlanta, second vice president; Miss Marie Cooper of Atlanta, recording secretary; and Mrs. Wright Gellerstedt of Atlanta, assistant recording secretary.

Born succeeds J. Don Aderhold, pastor of the Columbia Drive Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., who had served two terms as the board's president.

Aderhold, who still has another year to serve on the board of directors, asked that his name be withheld from officer nominations, revealing that the Columbia Drive church has granted

him study leave, effective Sept. 1. He will continue to preach at the church's regular services while attending Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur and the Chandler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

In other action, the board of directors accepted the resignation (effective July 1) of Ransome Swords, who for almost 12 years has been secretary of insurance services for the Home Mission Board.

Swords, 35, will join another Southern Baptist agency, the Annuity Board in Dallas, as director of insurance services.

He has been instrumental in developing a strong program of insurance benefits, covering both missionaries and all Atlanta-based employees, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

"We regret to lose him, but we see in his new position an opportunity of using his unusual knowledge and skills on behalf of a much larger group of Southern Baptist workers," Rutledge said.

An Atlanta native, Swords attended Georgia State College of Business Administration and received a bachelor of law degree from Atlanta Law School.

"The opportunity to consolidate the mass purchasing power of the convention for insurance purposes has never been more favorable," Swords revealed. The Annuity Board is committed to serving the agencies and pastors in obtaining maximum protection at minimum cost. I count it a privilege to have been selected to direct this program.

The board also accepted the resignation of Charles A. Jolly, board member representing Baptists in the Ohio convention. Jolly recently became pastor of the Madison (N.J.) Baptist Church.

In addition, Charles Brashear, a native of Brownwood, Tex., was appointed to serve as superintendent of missions of the Capital City Baptist Association in Columbus, Ohio. He will be assisted by his wife, the former Dorothy Jean Lewallen, a native of Gouldbusk, Tex.

Brashear had been serving as pastor of the Village Center Mission in Niles, Ohio. A graduate of Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Tex. and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, he also has served as pastor of three Texas churches.

Finally, a publications committee was appointed to study the feasibility

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Theme Picked For Baptist World Congress In Tokyo

WASHINGTON (BP) — The theme and general program outline for the 12th Baptist World Congress slated in Tokyo, Japan, in July of 1970 were presented to the administrative subcommittee of the Baptist World Alliance meeting here.

The congress will begin on Sunday July 12, 1970 at 6:00 p.m., and conclude Saturday evening, July 18, the program committee for the congress reported.

Names of program personnel will not be announced until after a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in Vienna, Austria, in August, according to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, chairman of the program committee.

Mrs. Mathis, vice president of the Alliance and director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., said that the theme for the congress is taken from the Apostle Paul's statement, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself," in II Corinthians 5:19.

At a dinner meeting of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) administrative committee, a report was presented by David Fite, one of two Southern Baptist missionaries recently released after three years of imprisonment in Cuba.

Fite told the world Baptist leaders that Baptist work has continued strong in Cuba despite the island's relative isolation from other Baptist groups. Approximately 40 of the 88

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Southern Baptist Convention

June 10-13, 1969

The Rivergate Exhibition Center
New Orleans, Louisiana

THEME: "Christ in Faith and Work"

OFFICERS: W. A. Criswell, president (pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas)

Owen Cooper, first vice president (president, Mississippi and Coastal Chemical Corporations, Yazoo City, Mississippi)
Lee Porter, second vice president (pastor, First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Texas)

Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary (retired editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee)

W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary (executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee)

Porter W. Routh, treasurer (executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)

Lee Roy Till, music director (minister of music, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas)

W. C. Fields, press representative (public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)

Richard Kay, chairman, committee on order of business (director, church services division, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California)

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY EVENING, June 10

Theme: "Faith and Work Proclaimed"

8:45 Music for Inspiration

7:00 Call to order

Music

Scripture—John S. Farrar, pastor, First Baptist Church, Culpeper, Virginia

Invocation—James Gantenbein, pastor, Suburban Heights Baptist Church, Klamath Falls, Oregon

7:10 Report of registration, and constituting of the convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

7:15 Committee on order of business—Richard Kay, chairman, director, Church Services Division, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California

7:20 Welcome—The Honorable John McKeithen, governor of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

7:25 Worship

Music

Scripture—James M. Baldwin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and convention sermon alternate

7:35 CONVENTION SERMON—Scott L. Tatum, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana

8:10 Music

8:15 Announcement of: Committee on Committees—Committee on Resolutions—Tellers

8:20 Music

8:35 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 11

Theme: "Faith and Work at Home"

9:15 Music for Inspiration

9:30 Invocation—J. L. Canafax, associate director, division of missions, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Phoenix, Arizona

Memorial Service—Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia

9:45 Executive Committee—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

10:30 Worship

Music

Scripture—Kathleen T. Smith, director, Home Mission Board, Honolulu, Hawaii

10:40 Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions

11:25 Music

11:30 Home Mission Board—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Atlanta, Georgia

12:45 Benediction—William Carter, pastor, Oakhill Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 11

Theme: "Faith and Work in Citizenship"

2:15 Music for Inspiration

2:30 Invocation—Noland Phillips, pastor, University Baptist Church, Middletown, Ohio

Election of officers

Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions

3:15 Historical Commission—Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee

3:25 Stewardship Commission—Merrill D. Moore, executive director-treasurer, Nashville

3:40 Southern Baptist Foundation—Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville

3:45 Worship

Music

Scripture—Trenton Bruce, pastor, St. Andrews Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina

3:50 Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, Dallas, Texas

4:10 MESSAGE—John Bob Riddle, pastor, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

4:25 Benediction—Edward Wolfe, pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Spenard, Alaska

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 11

7:15 Music for Inspiration

7:30 Invocation—G. A. Ratterree, Brotherhood secretary, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, Florida

Woman's Missionary Union—Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Birmingham, Alabama

7:45 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer, Memphis, Tennessee

7:55 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Hardy M. Harrell, executive secretary-treasurer, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Jacksonville, Florida

8:05 Sunday School Board—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville

8:35 Worship

Music

Scripture—Fred Hollomon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Manhattan, Kansas

8:45 "Shaping the Seventies Presentation"

9:45 Benediction—Herbert Hughes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cedar City, Utah

THURSDAY MORNING, June 12

Theme: "Faith and Work With Others"

9:15 Music for Inspiration

9:30 Invocation—W. R. Buchanan, superintendent of missions, Central Baptist Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Committee on resolutions (first report)

10:00 Committee on committees

10:05 Committee on Baptist state papers—Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

10:10 Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary-treasurer, Fort Worth, Texas

10:20 Elections of officers

Miscellaneous business

11:25 Baptist World Alliance—Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, Washington, D. C.

11:45 Worship

Music

Scripture—Bobby Belcher, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Salisbury, Maryland

11:50 Recognition of fraternal messengers

12:30 Music

MESSAGE—S. M. Lockridge, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California

Benediction—Garrett Graham, pastor, Jackson Heights Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 12

No Convention Session

THURSDAY EVENING, June 12

Foreign Board Adds New Missionaries

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Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the mission support division, said better ways are being sought to collect information in depth about God's work around the world and then to share it with a constituency "whose every environment is being shaped by the age of instantaneous information."

Secretaries Report

Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, told of revision of projected medical work in India and Pakistan. Plans for a 200-bed hospital in Bangalore, India, have been scaled down because of the estimated \$750,000 cost, intentions of Roman Catholics to build a 600-bed training hospital and to develop other medical facilities in the city, and uncertainty about the admission of missionaries to India.

The unit now projected would cost no more than \$250,000 and would provide 50 to 75 beds, Dr. Hughey said. The two Southern Baptist doctors now in India will continue to conduct clinics in places where churches and missions have been started, and they will attempt to develop a community health program with emphasis on preventive medicine.

Response to the gospel in Bangalore continues to be encouraging, Dr. Hughey said, with more than 300 members listed by the five Baptist churches and seven preaching stations of the two-year-old work.

In Pakistan, where efforts to build a hospital have been frustrated, a pilot community health program will be developed in two Baptist social welfare centers near Dacca. Dr. Hughey said a missionary nurse, Miss Mavis Pate, is expected to carry out this project. The welfare centers will probably include such things as reading rooms, literacy work, recreation, sewing, clinics for dealing with minor illnesses, hygiene instruction, child care, family planning, and immunizations.

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, acknowledged a \$10,000 gift for relief in Nigeria and Biafra from the executive board of the Alabama Baptist Convention. An upsurge of interest and deep concern within many of the churches of Alabama prompted the state executive board to authorize an appeal for relief funds. The effort will climax on Easter Sunday.

Theme Picked ---

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Baptist pastors and laymen arrested along with Fite in April of 1965 have been released, he said.

Gerald B. Palmer, secretary of language missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, expressed gratitude to the Alliance for its international role in keeping contact with Cuban Baptists and in its appeal to the Castro government for release of Fite and fellow missionary Herbert Caudill, plus national Baptist leaders.

C. Ronald Goulding of London, associate secretary of the alliance, and R. Fred Bullen and Mrs. Edgar Bates of Canada, members of the BWA Executive Committee all have traveled to Cuba to visit with the Baptist there. Goulding had interceded with the government in both conversation and correspondence, seeking release of the prisoners.

The dinner session also was addressed by Mayor Walter Washington of the city of Washington, D. C. Washington, who is a Baptist layman, told his audience that government leaders are dependent upon the moral and spiritual strength of church people.

More children and adults with physical handicaps are rehabilitated today than ever before, according to the National Easter Seal Society which is conducting its campaign March 1 to April 6.



Gilfoy School Students Visit New Orleans

THIRTY-FOUR STUDENT NURSES at Gilfoy School of Nursing at Baptist Hospital in Jackson this past week-end attended a missions conference at New Orleans Baptist Seminary and visited missions points in the Crescent City, including the Southern Baptist Hospital, Good Samaritan Home, Sellers City, and Home and riverfront missions. They made the trip via chartered bus and the money was provided by the home churches of the girls and several Jackson churches. Miss Kathryn Bearden, student director, led the girls on the adventure.

Ralph Phelps Resigns

ought to play in our changing society are quite different from those who feel Ouachita ought to be run like it was in the 1800's.

"The ultra-conservative group in the convention is much opposed to my views on integration, federal aid, academic freedom, freedom of inquiry, freedom of the press on the campus, etc.," Phelps said.

"They're not my kind of cats," he quipped.

Fears Schools To Be Lost

"Baptists claim to be great believers in freedom, but they really only seem to believe in the freedom to agree with the traditional position," he added.

Phelps said he feared Baptists are going to lose a great number of Baptist schools in the next few years unless the denomination provides more support and more freedom for the schools, and less criticism.

On Sept. 1, 1967, Phelps took a year's leave of absence from the

Ouachita presidency to become regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity's Southeast Regional Office in Atlanta.

He left after six months, however, saying he was disappointed with the federal War on Poverty.

Once before, in 1961, he announced he was resigning as president of Ouachita, then to become president of Houston Baptist College.

But he later changed his mind and withdrew the resignation.

Decide Against Governor Race

In 1966, and again in 1968 it was rumored he might run for governor.

He told reporters in Atlanta when he resigned the War on Poverty post he was considering running for governor. But he decided against it several weeks later.

Only one president of the school, J. W. Conger who founded Ouachita, has served longer than Phelps as president of the 84-year-old institution.

Under his administration, Ouachita reached university status, tripled its enrollment, and doubled its endowment.

Dr. Martin To Lead Tour To Holy Land

William Carey College professor and dean of students, Dr. C. A. Martin, will be leading a tour party to the Holy Land this coming summer. Three full weeks of Biblical pathways will be explored by Dr. Martin and his party beginning on July 10. Israel, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, and Lebanon will be toured. Biblical sites in the Holy Land and the sites of ancient churches in Greece and Turkey will be given priority.

All interested persons are urged to write or phone Dr. Martin at William Carey College.



Rev. John Smith

Rev. W. Arthur Compere

Arthur Driscoll

Al Rahn

Miss Beverly Hammack

Leaders To Appear At Student Conference

Gulfshore Assembly April 18-20

Theme: "Faith and Work Throughout the World"

7:15 Music for Inspiration

7:30 Invocation—Fred D. Barnes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lenoir, North Carolina

Education Commission—Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville

7:45 American Baptist Seminary Commission—Herman Burns, managing art director, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and chairman

7:50 Report of the seminaries and presentation of the seminary presidents—Olin T. Binkley, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and chairman of the seminary presidents' group

8:05 Message on Christian education—W. R. White, president emeritus, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

8:35 Worship

Music

Scripture—Hoyle Hair, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bonneville, Arkansas

8:45 Foreign Mission Board—Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Richmond, Virginia

9:55 Benediction—Milo Arbuckle, pastor, Denver Temple Baptist Church, Church, Denver, Colorado

FRIDAY MORNING, June 13

Theme: "Faith and Work for Humanity"

9:15 Music for Inspiration

9:30 Invocation—John E. Barnes Jr., pastor, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

10:00 American Bible Society—Roy J. Madsen, director of church relations, New York City

10:05 Committee on boards (final report)—John C. Huffman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Kentucky, chairman

10:10 Committee on denominational calendar—Dan D. Bryson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Joplin, Missouri, chairman

10:15 Christian Life Commission—Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville

10:35 Worship

Music

Scripture—Robert Hastings, editor, The Illinois Baptist, Carbondale, Illinois

10:40 Miscellaneous business

11:40 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, Washington, D. C.

12:10 Music

12:15 MESSAGE—Culbert Rutenber, president, American Baptist Convention, and professor, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts

12:45 Benediction—Roy Gresham, executive secretary-treasurer, Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville, Maryland

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING SESSIONS

June 13

An evangelistic emphasis is being planned and conducted by the convention president and the Home Mission Board for these two sessions. At the Friday night evangelistic service, John R. Bisagno, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, will speak.

NOTE:

1. Convention By-Law 21 states that one-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor.

2. Items in capital letters will be called for at the time indicated and are not to be shifted, altered or abbreviated.

3. The Executive Committee and the committee on boards will make their reports in sections. The portion of their report dealing with a board or agency will be presented at the time the report of that board or agency is presented to the convention.

STATEMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS
After very careful and deliberate planning, the committee on order of business is releasing the program for the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-13. The committee desires to share its basic thinking and the background for the recommended program.

Messenger interest was of prime concern in the development of the program. The committee made a concerted effort to balance business (the basic purpose of the convention) and inspiration. There are three specific considerations that are vital:

1. This year a serious attempt was made to begin to rotate the report time of the boards and agencies. The committee studied in detail the reporting times of all boards and agencies for the last ten years. Since some reporting times are more desirable than others, the committee believes it is only fair to rotate these report times over the years. The concept of rotation is not a de-emphasizing of a board or agency, but simply a matter of fairness to all aspects of the work of our convention.

2. The amount of time allocated to a board or agency in any one year does not necessarily indicate the committee's appraisal or evaluation of that board or agency in comparison to others. Time allocation priority is given periodically for a special observance, such as an anniversary or a special emphasis being projected. For example, additional time this year is allocated to the Sunday School Board, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission, for a "Shaping the Seventies Presentation" which represents several forthcoming major developments which will relate to all our churches.

3. The committee also believes we should not always just "hear from ourselves" but should periodically hear from those who are outside our own convention constituency. This year the convention will hear from two such persons who will bring principal messages. There are no hidden meanings or motives, just a desire to be exposed to what is around us so we can more effectively relate in our total work. The speakers are: Dr. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California; and Dr. Culbert Rutenber, president of the American Baptist Convention, and professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

A sincere effort was made by the committee to have a desirable distribution of music, worship, miscellaneous and convention business, messenger participation, inspiration and a balanced program through the entire week. For example, on Friday morning, in addition to the final report by the committee on resolutions, there will be an emphasis on the much discussed area of social ethics and related areas with the reports of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Christian Life Commission, plus the message by Dr. Culbert Rutenber.

Friday afternoon and evening will be given to an evangelistic emphasis, which speaks to the continued concern of Southern Baptists for the souls and spiritual welfare of all men.

With these considerations in mind, the committee on order of business heartily recommends to the convention this program for the 1969 sessions in New Orleans, June 10-13.

Committee on Order of Business

Richard Kay, Fresno, California, Chairman

J. William Angell, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Horace Chapman, Columbia, South Carolina

W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas

J. Norris Palmer, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Elmer Ruark, Salisbury, Maryland

Robert S. Scales, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

HMB Selects New Officers, Ransome Swords Resigns



NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY student Tom Wilks of Bastrop, Louisiana (left) and Wayne Poplin of Greensboro, North Carolina, leave the campus for Crusade of the Americas revivals in Louisiana and Mississippi. Wilks and Poplin are among some 500 students and faculty members who are participating in the Crusade.

2 Spring Vacations Allow More To Be On Crusade

New Orleans Seminary scheduled two spring vacations to correspond with the two weeks for simultaneous Crusade of the Americas revivals in that area.

"We want to give every student and teacher an opportunity to preach a revival during the Crusade," President H. Leo Edleman said. The two spring vacations were set for March 8-17 and April 13-21.

A poll indicates that at least two thirds of the students are participating in the crusade either as a preacher, musician, or in some other capacity. One group is traveling as far as Alaska, while another student will be on two blocks from the Seminary Campus. Many of the faculty members are scheduling revivals both during the vacation periods and at other times.

Preparation at the Seminary for the crusade began at least two years ago, according to Dr. Eugene Patterson, professor of Evangelism. Dr. Patterson has included a series of lectures on the Crusade of the Americas in his Church Evangelism classes since 1967. He and other professors have also promoted the crusade through a wide variety of conferences and meetings. In the summers of 1967 and 1968 Dr. Patterson delivered a series of addresses on the crusade at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest. The Crusade of the Americas has been a prominent theme for many faculty members during the past several months at evangelistic conferences, M Night and Action Night rallies, and other meetings.

Social Security Helps To Sell Plans Of SBC Annuity Board

By W. R. Roberts
Annuity Board Secretary
Mississippi, S.B.C.

From the start of Social Security through 1967, ordained ministers were privileged to participate in Social Security by signing a waiver or not to participate and not sign anything.

Ministers Must File 1968 Social Security

DALLAS — To avoid possible penalties and interest, an ordained minister must pay his Social Security taxes by April 15, 1968.

This warning was issued by John D. Blokas, editor of *The Years Ahead*, especially to ministers who never before paid Social Security taxes.

Blokas said his office at the Annuity Board here has received numerous letters and phone calls asking for clarification on "when to pay" this, following his article about Social Security in the January-March, 1968, issue of *The Years Ahead*.

Blokas, who talked with Social Security and Internal Revenue personnel, said all ministers are automatically in Social Security now unless they apply for an exemption because they oppose the acceptance of public (government) insurance, including Social Security, because of religious principle or conscience.

He said a minister who has not been in Social Security before has until April 15, 1970, to file Form 4361, requesting an exemption from participating in Social Security. However, he said, while waiting to make up his mind, a minister should file his Social Security taxes on earnings he received as a self-employed person when he files his 1968 tax return to avoid any possible interest and penalty payments.

He said if the minister then applies

A large percentage elected not to participate. Beginning January 1, 1968, all ordained ministers were automatically put in Social Security. They were given until April 15 of 1970 to sign not to participate on conscientious grounds. Information indicates only a small number will not stay in Social Security.

Many of our leaders felt that the requiring of ministers to enter Social Security would hurt our enlistment program for Annuity Board plans. Such has not been true. Our experience in Mississippi was most revealing and heartening. We enlisted more pastors in our pension plan last year than we had in several years. There were eighty (80) new families enlisted last year. In 1967, there were sixty-two (62); in 1966, sixty-seven (67); and 1965, there were sixty-four (64). Our rate of enlistment this year, so far, is better than last year.

There are at least two (2) conclusions that can be reached from our experiences. First, the economy of our nation is keyed to Social Security. There is no need to buck the program. Second, neither Social Security nor our Annuity Board pension plan is sufficient alone to meet our needs with a spiraling economy. It will take both plans, and our people seem to realize this fact.

Yes, Social Security is helping sell our Annuity Board plans.

for the exemption by April 15, 1970, he will have to file an amended return for 1968, to obtain his refund on payments he made for Social Security. Blokas said his article did not state officially that penalty and interest would be required if a minister waited until 1970 to file. One sentence should have read: "... You can wait until April 15, 1970, to pay these taxes (Social Security); but you will have to pay for both years—1968-69, plus interest and possible penalties for the year 1968."

"The last nine words were inadvertently omitted," Blokas said.

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of a national news publication being produced by Southern Baptists.

Committee members are Earl Allen of Texas, Massey Bedsole of Alabama and Julian Pentecost of Virginia.

In the Board's December meeting, Neal T. Jones, pastor of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, said he saw a need for such a national periodical that would include "all of the best features of Southern Baptists' leading periodicals."

"No one is telling the whole story, and too often the periodicals we have given the appearance of cheap tracts," Jones said. "We have professionals with the ability, but we need to create the vehicle."

Interest Rate Hiked
Faced with the high cost of borrowing money, the Southern Baptist church loans operation has hiked the church loans interest rate from 6 1/2 per cent to 7 1/2 per cent.

The policy of the Home Mission Board's Church Loans Division has been to charge churches the same interest rate the division paid on borrowed money.

However, the best interest rate now available to the Home Mission Board is 8 1/4 per cent, and the board of directors, acting in spring session here, authorized the Church Loans Division to borrow \$1 million from a loan institution at that rate.

"Rather than see the churches pay such a high interest rate, the Home Mission Board agreed to raise its interest rate only to 7 1/2 per cent and then subsidize the church loans for the difference," said church loans director Robert H. Kilgore. "Such subsidy will be offset by increased income received from interest on other funds of the Church Loans Division," he added.

Kilgore said directors instructed the church loans officers to process only those loans absolutely necessary during this high money cost period, with the hopes that the market will correct itself.

"Some softening of the market may take place by mid-1969, but it will be slight," Kilgore said.

"All of the economic forecasters we discussed this matter with felt we are in a high interest market for a long time to come. It might decline to 7 1/2 per cent by the end of the year; however, no one seems to think it will go below 7 1/2 per cent for several years." Kilgore said the directors considered two other alternatives: (1) Raise the division's interest rates to 8 1/4 per cent from 6 1/2 per cent to match the market rate or (2) Hold the line on the division's borrowing, which in effect would be a shutting down of operations for a time to determine economic trends.

Accepts Double Springs

Rev. Walter Byron McMullen has resigned the pastorate of Mount Olive Church, Lauderdale Association, and has accepted the pastorate of Double Springs Church in Oktibbeha Association.

Mr. McMullen was pastor at Mount Olive for five years and nine months, during which time the church made substantial gains and progress under his capable leadership. Progress was made in all areas such as additions, finances, improvement in facilities, and deepening of the spiritual lives of the membership.

His wife is Ann Seal McMullen, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. Otis Seal of Calvary Church, Meridian. Rev. and Mrs. McMullen have one daughter, 10 months old, Stacy Ann. Rev. and Mrs. McMullen both teach in the Meridian City School System and will begin their pastorate at Double Springs Church Sunday March 30. They plan to move in the new parsonage the first of June.

Correction: Certain Wrong Figures In Annual Corrected

The figures on Baptisms for certain of the churches of the Union County Baptist Association as reported in the 1968 Mississippi Baptist Convention annual are incorrect.

Carried below is a listing of the churches, showing the incorrect figure as it appeared in the annual in the first column and the correct figure in the second.

New Albany, First	4	32
Myrtle	2	4
Neely	1	15
New Harmony	1	6
New Hope	1	4
New Oak Grove	1	6
Northside	4	8
Pleasant Dale	1	18
Pleasant Hill	1	22
Pleasant Ridge	1	4
Poolville	1	2
Temple	2	7
Wallerville	1	10

This will raise the total number of baptisms for 1967 by 116 both in Union County and the state as well.



"Creative Social Work In The Church"

FORT WORTH—Making plans for the annual School of Religious Education Emphasis—a conference April 7-9 entitled "Creative Social Work in the Church"—at Southwestern Seminary are, left to right, A. Donald Bell, former Mississippian professor of psychology and human relations; John W. Drakeford, professor of psychology and counseling; Alpha Melton, professor of social work and Ralph D. Churchill, professor of religious journalism. Dr. Melton is director of the conference while Bell, Drakeford and Churchill will be program personalities.

Song Leaders Needed For Montana, Ohio Crusades

A total of 60 song leaders are needed in the Crusades in Montana and Ohio—35 for Montana and 25 for Ohio during the week of the Crusade, July 20-27, 1969. Lay song leaders, "musical" pastors, as well as full-time and part-time music directors are needed to assist in this gigantic evangelistic effort.

"The churches in these two states are in urgent need of help with their revival music. We are making a sincere plea for churches and individuals to come forth offering their services. Persons with only limited song leading ability are needed. One does not have to be a trained music director to render a vital service," states Dan Hall, director, state music department.

Those who have already volunteered to lead singing in revivals are: Steve McCollum, West Point, (Ohio); Don Davis, C. F. Farnham, (Ohio); Aaron Lewis, Ellettsburg, (Ohio); Rives B. Lowrey, Winona, (Ohio); Paul Gaine, Jackson, (Montana); Tom Larrimore, Jackson, (Montana); Jack Childs, Memphis, Tenn. (Montana); Glenn R. Wiggins, Arcola, (Montana); Dan Sparks, Amory, (Montana); J. C. McIntire, Baldwin, (Montana); and George Martin, Dorsey, (Ohio).

Each person assisting in the Crusade will be responsible for his travel expenses and room and board. In most cases the home church or several individuals in the church are assisting the song leader with his expenses. The state Church Music Department can supply additional information regarding cost and other matters.

April BH Topics

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermons for April are: April 6, "The Empty Tomb"—John 20:8; April 13, "The Risen Christ"—Luke 24:39; April 20, "The Commissioned Church"—Matthew 28:19-20; April 27, "The Reigning Lord"—Hebrews 10:12.

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher.

Mississippi Baptists' Great Mission Opportunity

The Chester L. Quarles Chair Of Missions \$250,000 Campaign

Mississippi Baptists join with New Orleans Baptist Seminary in honoring our late Executive Secretary by creating the mission opportunity of this decade.



Dr. Chester L. Quarles

Dr. Quarles was a living example of the Spirit of Missions. Throughout life, his number one concern... the motivating force behind every program he initiated and supported was the saving of souls... missions... at home and around the world. He died on a missions tour to South America in the summer of 1968.

He led Mississippi Baptists in missions for 18 years. What better way to

- express appreciation
- honor and preserve his memory
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- has more of our students
- has graduated more of our pastors and church workers

so that present and future leaders may be trained to carry on Christian missions that Dr. Quarles loved so dearly.

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SBC Thought Leaders Will Hold Meeting To 'Incite Action'

CHICAGO—More than 250 "thought leaders" in the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, will gather here March 31-April 2 for a three-day conference designed to "incite action" in dealing with the nation's urban crisis.

Seminar planners have announced that the initial response has been so overwhelming that they were forced to turn down additional requests to participate because of limited facilities.

According to the conference director, Dr. Foy Valentine of Nashville, Tenn., the conference will avoid "more agonizing reappraisal of the complex problems that face our cities and churches, but rather will seek solutions to the problems."

SBC Leads In American Bible Society Support

NEW YORK (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention led all other denominations in support of the work of the American Bible Society during 1968, Bible Society officials said here.

Resigns At Broadmoor

William W. Bumstead, Minister of Music at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, has resigned, to assume the same position in Willow Meadows Church, Houston, Texas.

During his 27 month ministry at Broadmoor, enrollment in the Music Ministry grew from 225 to 814 with average attendance growing from 146 to 541.

Twelve choirs and four ensembles composed the largest music program in the state.

Mr. Bumstead's Youth Choir made a two-week "Adventure in Musical Missions" tour to the Northeast in the summer of 1967. His Adult Choir made trips to the Mississippi State Sanatorium at Christmas in 1967 and to the State Penitentiary at Parchman for Easter of last year.

During the summer of 1968 the Youth Choirs, under Mr. Bumstead's direction, presented "Good News", giving the production two nights in succession after hundreds of people were turned away at the first performance. They also presented it at Gulf-shore, New Orleans Baptist Rescue Mission, and North Greenwood Baptist Church.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Southern Baptists Do Not Need To Divide

A speech at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee sessions in Nashville, has been given wide publicity, because it raised the question, "Will Southern Baptists divide?" The speaker was dealing with the divisive issues confronting the convention at this time, especially the "social action" question.

Perhaps one is climbing out on a limb to make any kind of prediction concerning Southern Baptists, yet we think that there are some solid principles upon which fairly accurate predictions can be made.

Will the convention divide? The answer can be either yes or no. If convention leaders decide to try to take the convention away from the middle-of-the-road conservative position, which has marked its work and the work of the churches through the years, it eventually will bring division. If efforts are made to move the convention away from a Bible-centered, church-centered, evangelistic, missionary and Christian education ministry, and those efforts succeed to any degree, the convention will lose large numbers of churches. If some of the "ecumenists" get into the saddle, and determine to take the convention into the ecumenical movement, the convention will divide, for there are thousands of Baptist churches which have no intention of allowing themselves to become any part of the modern ecumenical movement.

If, however, leaders are wise enough to stay right in the New Testament position which has made Southern Baptists what they are, continuing to major on the winning of souls and the building of New Testament churches and on missions and Christian education, then the convention will continue the advance it has made in the past, despite the protests that we are in

must have a new program. We do need to adapt our methods, and use all the new tools available to us today, but we had better use them to continue to proclaim the New Testament message, and to seek to win lost people to Christ. Southern Baptists will "buy" a social action program that is based solidly upon seeking first of all to win people to personal faith in Christ, but they are not about to accept a program which becomes "social ministry for social ministry's sake," or that has the leftist liberal idea that we can change the world by changing society. Society and the world will never be changed until men are changed. The sooner we recognize that, the sooner we will understand that the Church has the message that is the hope of the world only as it preaches Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Furthermore, Southern Baptists are not going to follow leaders who have the idea that the autonomy of the local church no longer is a viable New Testament doctrine. Southern Baptists know better than that, and they have no intention of following those who would take away the full freedom of each local church. Such ideas may not fit in very well with modern ecumenical thinking, but they are based

solidly upon the New Testament, and they are believed by Southern Baptists.

Again, Southern Baptists are not going to follow leaders who seek to direct their paths away from the authority of an inspired Bible. They believe that the Bible IS the Word of God, and when men deny that or try to lead them away from that, they will find that Southern Baptists will not follow.

There are those who now say that Southern Baptists of today are in the same place that American Baptists were 25 years ago, and that we are "going in the same direction." If this is true, then division is as inevitable in the SBC as it was in the ABC. However, it need not be, for there is still time for leaders to turn us back into the path of solid conservatism and to move forward without hesitance in that path.

Of course, there are some among us who do not want that. They want to become more liberal in their thinking, their theology, and in their position as churches and denomination. However they do not represent the thinking of the vast majority of Southern Baptists.

There are those who would seek to make our seminaries and colleges liberal in their theology and in the type of men they send out. This is not what Southern Baptists as a whole want their institutions to be, and if men are determined to hold to a liberal position, they will be more honest, and fairer to themselves and Southern Baptists, if they simply resign and go to other groups.

There is still a place in the world for a conservative denomination on Jesus Christ and the Word of God. Men do not have to be liberal or reject the Bible, in order to be scholarly. Some of the greatest Bible scholars of today position. Most Southern Baptists want their institutions to be conservative and say "Thank God" when any institution is thus labeled.

Of course, there are some who would like to make Southern Baptists ultra-fundamentalists, but they are not going in that direction either. They prefer to hold to the center of the road conservatism which has marked them through the years.

Some see in the losses in some phases of the work in recent years, and the slowing down of financial growth, with even a failure to meet the budget last year, an indication that churches are reacting to some of the more liberal tendencies which they feel are being manifested today.

If this is true, and it may be true, it should be a clear warning to all leadership, that it is time now to get back on the main line, and stay there.

Will Southern Baptists divide? "No!", if leadership, presents and promotes a program that centers in Christ, the Bible, the church and evangelism. "Yes!", if blind leaders determine to take us in some other path. Southern Baptists are not going in that direction, and the time is near when churches will say so, if leadership fails to sense their desire.

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion
Men who fear God face life fearlessly. Men who do not fear God end up fearing everything — Richard C. Halverson, *Relevance*.

One of our problems is that we have many deliverers of good sermons and few preachers of the gospel. — Richard C. Halverson, *Relevance*.

Some self-made men show poor architectural skill.

In a world where death is, we have no time to hate.

Is the job you're fishing for too big and strong for the line you're using?

Wherever there is injustice, you have the opportunity as well as the obligation to right a wrong.

Now you do is more important than what you do.

The migration to better living must come from some higher source than ourselves. Go to church Sunday.

He who controls not his youth will not enjoy his old age.

Christ is needed on the avenue as much as in the alley.

When people learn to pull together you don't have to push them. — Bob Pearcy, *The Danville (Ind.) Gazette*.

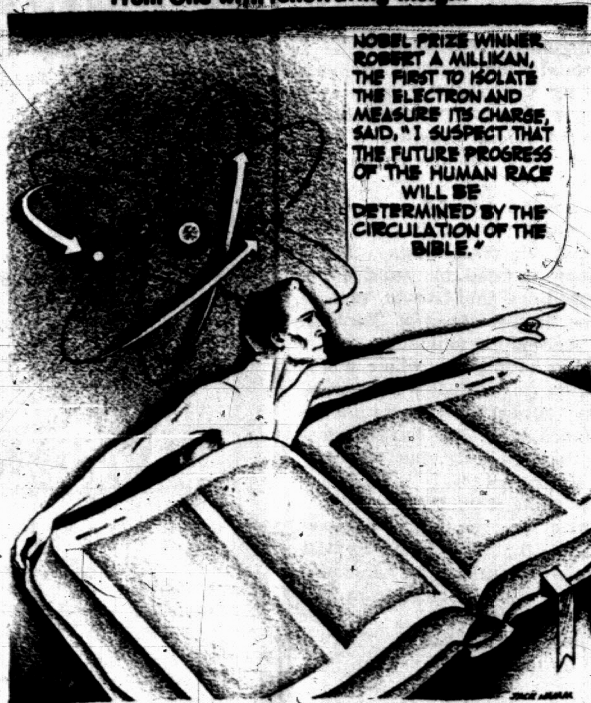
Success comes to him who hustles while he waits. — George J. — *The Claysville (Penn.) Record*.

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From One with penetrating insight



NOBEL PRIZE WINNER ROBERT A. MILIKAN, THE FIRST TO ISOLATE THE ELECTRON AND MEASURE ITS CHARGE, SAID, "I SUSPECT THAT THE FUTURE PROGRESS OF THE HUMAN RACE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE CIRCULATION OF THE BIBLE."

NEWEST BOOKS

CELEBRATING YOUR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY by Alvin D. Johnson (Judson Press, paperback, \$2.50)

Church anniversaries provide opportunities to review and honor the past, to evaluate the present, and to plan the shape of the future. Getting ready for effective anniversary celebration can be quite a task, requiring complex planning and organization, attention to detail and publicity. Mr. Johnson, in this new book, presents experienced counsel in the rewarding area of anniversary celebrations. The book is well illustrated and offers an abundance of ideas.

SERMON SEEDS by Alexander MacLaren, Charles Spurgeon, and others (Baker, paperback, 95 pp., \$1.75)

Brief, useful, inexpensive sermon ideas and outlines from respected sermon masters.

THE INNOVATOR by G. William Jones (Abingdon, paperback, 112 pp., \$1.75)

Twenty-one contemporary parables of our time, by Robert Hodgson — pictorial parables in themselves — enhance the meaning of the book.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: A SPECIAL MINISTRY by C. Lewis Martin and John T. Travis (Judson Press, paperback, 63 pp., \$1.25)

This book presents the basics for a special ministry with children who because of physical or mental limitations (or even because of outstanding ability) present a special challenge and opportunity.

CARTWRIGHT'S CHOICE CHUCKLES by Charles Cartwright (Kregel Publications, paperback, \$1)

A new selection of "Church Chuckles" cartoons. Church humor at its best.

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

"A counterrevolution is emerging on some college campuses as students band together to oppose disruptive demonstrations. One group, organized at Wichita State University, calls itself SPASM — the Society for Prevention of Asinine Student Movements. Members of SPASM held a 'milk-in' recently, handing out cartons of milk as a 'peaceful, intelligent and legal demonstration' in protest of protests, two weeks after a beer drink-in was held by students favoring the sale of beer on campus. More than 10,000 students at Michigan State University have signed petitions condemning 'intimidation, violence, and disruption' at the East Lansing campus. Philosopher Sidney Hook, a New York University professor, announced the formation of the organization of University Centers for Rational Alternatives, a group of 400 professors from over 36 campuses. Hook said, 'There's danger to academic freedom when you substitute the methods of violence for free inquiry.' White student Paul Decker, Rutgers University, Newark, N. J., said he had filed a federal complaint charging that the takeover of a classroom building by black students violates his rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1973. (Louisville *Courier-Journal*, 2-26-68)

"Last summer President Johnson's commission on equal opportunity completed the most extensive study of job discrimination ever conducted. The report said that Negroes are held down not only by lack of education but also by discrimination and that even superior education of blacks does not succeed in equalizing job opportunities. The survey covered 43,000 individual employers. ('The Periscope' *Newsweek*, 2-3-68)

A MAN AND HIS RELIGION by G. Curtis Jones (Bethany, 175 pp., \$4.95)

Man's religion should influence the whole of his life. The author discusses Beliefs, Relationships, and the man and himself. This is a down-to-earth discussion of religion in every day life. It is clearly written and rich in illustration and application.

THE VALLEY OF THE VERDICT by John N. Gladstone (Abingdon, 144 pp., \$3.00)

The author says that every sermon should be preached "for a verdict" and he seeks decisions in these messages. He discusses the faith, the cross, the resurrection, Jesus Christ, eternal life, doubt, etc. The sermons are textured, clear in outline and direct in application.

IT'S ALWAYS TOO SOON TO QUIT, THE STEVE SPURRIER STORY as told to Mel Larson (Zondervan, 157 pp., \$3.95)

This remarkable success story of football player Steve Spurrier includes many insights into his life and ministry.

THE CROSS IN HYMNS by Friedrich Rest (Judson Press, 110 pp., \$3.95)

It has been said that if all traces of the Christian gospel except the hymns were destroyed, the essence of the faith could be rediscovered through Christian hymns. This new book, very attractively bound, contains a selection of hymns which express the essential meaning of the cross. Not only are the hymns reproduced, but they are summarized and interpreted in terms of both their background, and their application for modern living.

FACES OF POVERTY by Arthur Simon (Macmillan, paperback, 133 pp., \$1.95)

Mr. Simon of Trinity Lutheran Church presents profiles of impoverished men and women with whom he lives and works on Manhattan's Lower East Side. He proposes practical economic approaches to help the poor help themselves.

EDUCATION

WHAT'S HAPPENING
THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

A radical departure in collegiate education! Hampshire College, of Amherst, Massachusetts, is dropping the four-year structure and dividing the student's academic career into three phases.

The first will help him develop concepts and conceptual skills.

The second will provide him a number of experiences in basic disciplines to help develop his understanding of principles and techniques of inquiry.

The third division will provide him an opportunity to work intensively on a problem related to his area of concentration.

Each student must then demonstrate, probably through oral and written examinations, that he has attained competence in all three divisions. Possibly, the college will move superior students directly into the second division.

The college was created in response to recommendations from four other institutions in the area, with which it will be intimately related. The new corporation, called Five Colleges, Incorporated, will attempt to provide a number of services in which all institutions can share.

At first thought, this consortium idea would seem to be antithetical to the desires of such prestigious institutions as Smith and Amherst, two of the five involved.

However, those institutions feel that their survival is bound up with coordination.



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Were You There?

As the Easter season approaches, we shall be hearing one or more vocalists in the heart - appealing spiritual "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" I suggest that each of us permit the searching inquiry of that spiritual to lead us to a more thorough and comprehensive appraisal of our probable personal reactions, had we been present at the time of Christ's trial, crucifixion, and resurrection.

Take A Look At The Crowd

WHERE YOU WERE:

1. In the absence of his friends? Although false witnesses rose to give perjured testimony in the trial, there is no record of any friend's daring to testify to the antagonistic leaders of Christ's transforming power.

2. In the silence of his friends? When the crowd shouted, "Crucify him!" no one raised a voice to say, "He is not guilty!"

3. In the denial of Peter? Despite his pledge to stand by his Master to death, fear of the crowd's disfavor and reprisal led to three denials!

4. In the betrayal of Judas? That one who had walked close to Christ should sell him to the enemy is as tragic as today's Christian who, having been saved, blessed, and loved by Jesus should "side" with the enemies of Christianity!

5. In the prejudices and hate of religious leaders? That purportedly good men could perform an act of

such horrible badness brands prejudice and hate as desperate destroyers of judgment!

Take A Look At The Christ

WHERE YOU WERE:

1. In the surrender of Gethsemane? In the most difficult hour of his life he prayed, "Not my will, but thine be done."

2. In the trusting calm of his spirit? Because he knew that he was fulfilling God's will, he stood through unspeakable humiliation with majesty!

3. In the forgiveness which he demonstrated. Despite his broken heart and broken body, he asked God to forgive even his misguided enemies!

We WERE THERE!

ALL OF US WERE THERE:

1. In the sin which nailed him to the cross. Had just one of us been lost in sin, he would have died the same death gladly; so all of us were there!

2. In the salvation which his atonement made possible. Without the shedding of his blood in our behalf, there would have been no remission of sin, no reconciliation to God, no everlasting life for you and me!

3. In the victory over life and death which he achieved. With Paul we can say, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me," and we can face both life and death with assurance of total victory!

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor)

NEW SACRED RECORDS

HE LEADETH ME — Evie de Oliveira (Dee 1067-1-LP)

This young man was born in Recife, Brazil, and attended William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. On this record he sings and plays several numbers. His wife accompanies in duet numbers. This is an unusual and varied collection of splendid sacred numbers. The violin, accordion, xylophone, organ and piano are used. Among the numbers are: He Leadeth Me, Bearing His Cross For Me, Whispering Hope, Were You There, The Old Rugged Cross, In The Garden and others. More of the numbers are available on other records.

THE LIFE THAT WINS — FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (Wood, W-3414-LP)

Great athletes of the nation, who are Christians, present their Christian testimony. Here men who are the idols of Americans, young and old, tell of their faith in Christ, and why all people should follow him.

SHARI LEWIS WITH LAMBCHOP RCA CAMDEN Memo - Cal - 1008, Stereo CAS-1008

The famed Lambchop and Shari team visit the home and talk about children's experiences in growing up. Deals with Happy Growing-Up experiences of things that all children must learn. Written to help the child in many of the experiences of growing up as a little child. Material adapted from McGraw-Hill series for children; Looking and Listening, Knowing and Naming and Thinking and Imagining.

SONGS FOR YOU BY MARCY (Zondervan, ZLP 723)

Little Marcy is the Ventriloquist doll who sings for children. Seventeen children's songs are included.

MARCY SINGS NURSERY RHYMES (Word, K-702)

Little Marcy, the "Charlie McCarthy" doll, sings the nursery rhymes so beloved to little children, and she sings them the way the children want to hear them.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BIG AT ALL — Flo Price and Jim Grant (Word, K-708)

Stories and songs for children. A master story teller provides happy experiences for children.

COWBOYS AND INDIANS (RCA CAMDEN Cal 1004)

Saddle up your pony and giddyap back to the days of cowboys and Indians in the old Wild West. The amazing tale of Little Wild Bill, who rides with the Sioux, carries the mail with the Pony Express, scouts with Kit Carson, etc. Stories the boys and girls will love.

Calvary To Dedicate Two New Buildings

Dedication services for the new educational building and new parsonage at Calvary Chapel, Waynesboro, will be held on Sunday, March 30. A former pastor, Rev. Charles Holfield, will be guest speaker for the afternoon service.

Following the dedication service at 2:30 p.m. there will be open house. Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor, invites friends and former members to attend.

SONGS FROM WALT DISNEY'S THE JUNGLE BOOK (RCA CAMDEN Stereo Cas 1102)

A full-scale dramatization of Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book, with the songs in it as presented by Walt Disney's film adaptation of the book.

SONGS AND GAMES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY—ROSEMARY RICE AND CAST (RCA Camden Cas 1100 Stereo)

A unique record which plans a birthday party for you from beginning to end, and includes playing of games, with instructions, and full participation. The record includes five new songs. Instructions for using the album at a party are included on the jacket.

PRAYER AND THE LIVING CHRIST by Flora Slosson Wuellner (Abingdon, 144 pp., \$3)

With clarity and brevity, Mrs. Wuellner discusses the living Christ as the foundation of prayer, offers concrete suggestions for the practice of Christian prayer, and explains what one can expect as he works at growth through prayer.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

March 31 — J. Clifford Watson, dean, Clarke College; D. Herbert Valentine, business manager, Clarke College.

April 1 — David Hicks, Baptist student director, Ole Miss.; Billie Carroll, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing.

April 2 — Lawrence C. Smith, Jr., faculty, Miss. College; Percy Barnett, staff, Children's Village.

April 3 — Joseph W. Oliver, supt. of missions, Monroe County; C. H. Melton, supt. of missions, Newton County.

April 4 — Bryant M. Cummings, Clarence Cutrell, Miss June Davis, William P. Davis, employees, Baptist Building.

April 5 — Mrs. Milbra Galbraith, staff Wm. Carey College; Miss Marguerite Hill, staff, Blue Mountain College.

April 6 — Lucille Aycock, Baptist Book Store; Wm. Hall Preston, Jr., trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

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Vietnam Missionary Tells Of Testing Of His Faith

During last May's Viet Cong attacks on Saigon, Rev. James F. Humphries, Southern Baptist missionary associate, was driving to one of the Baptist chapels which had been hit by enemy shells. He hoped to help evacuate the student pastor and others who might be in the building.

But about 100 yards before he reached the chapel, he was caught in cross fire between opposing forces. Humphries jumped out of his car and ran for cover in a nearby building.

"I had often wondered what my reaction would be at such a time," the missionary recalled in a recent sermon. "Now I know! I was scared."

Fear was real. Yet there was within me such a calmness and peace of heart that my fears were insignificant.

Witnessing for Christ in such times of peril is difficult, but it is not impossible, Humphries told his congregation at Trinity Baptist Church, Saigon. The church is made up primarily of U. S. servicemen.

Despite sometimes having to brave sniper fire to attend church, the constant danger of a grenade being thrown into their midst, and the inability to hold night services for a year, Baptists in Vietnam have recorded a baptism ratio of 1 to 5 (one baptism

for every five church members), have opened new chapels, and have organized new churches during the past year.

With its own membership cut two-thirds because of military transfers, Trinity Church gave a record \$2,700 to the 1968 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"Our faith has been tested many times over these last months," Humphries reflected, "but instead of a shaken faith we have a strengthened faith."

The greatest test of the missionaries' faith has involved the safety of their families, he noted. On a Febru-

ary morning in 1968, when missionaries took their wives and children to Tan Son Nhut Airport to be evacuated to Thailand, a gaping hole had been blown in the terminal's roof by a rocket. The blood of the wounded was on the floor.

"Our faith was tested that morning as some left and some stayed behind," he commented.

Another test came four months later, in the midst of many rocket attacks on Saigon, when missionary men decided to return their families to Vietnam in time for the annual Mission meeting, when plans are made for the coming year.

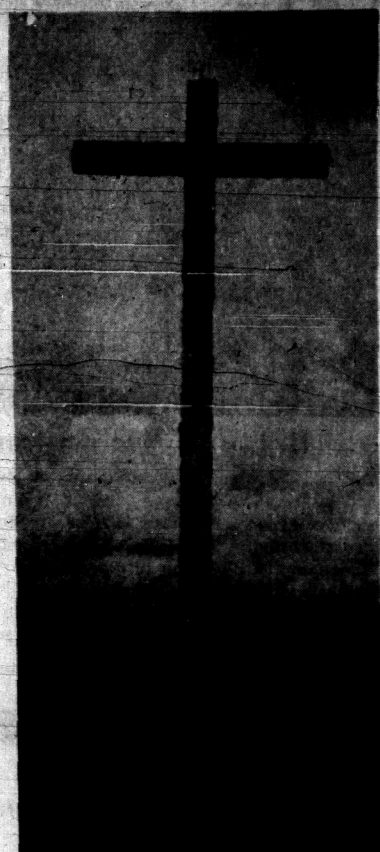
"Many times as we work in the midst of peril the results of our toil seem almost negligible," the missionary continued. "We even reach the point where we wonder if God is taking notice. From experience we know that not only does God notice, but likewise our fellowman."

He gave an example. In a four-day revival at Bien Hoa Air Force Base, 20 miles north of Saigon, about 50 men professed their faith in Christ as Saviour or responded with other decisions. However, during one of the services few responded to the invitation. Three months later a man told Humphries: "Preacher, there was more response than you realized. My buddy and I were saved in that service. Since then we have made our decisions public, and I have answered God's call to preach."

The missionary said that recently one of his Vietnamese neighbors told him of his respect for Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, who were Southern Baptists' first missionaries to Vietnam. "Mr. Hayes does not know it," the man said, "but his Christian life has been a challenge to me for the past nine years."

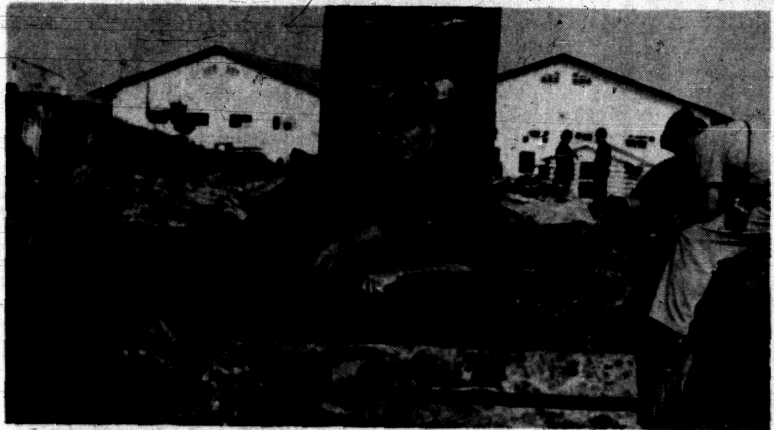
Humphries recalled a statement which Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, made last fall to a group of 96 missionary appointees undergoing orientation at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly: "You're going deliberately where the storms rage, but you will not be so much aware of the storms as of Jesus Christ. So go ahead and unpack your bags."

In the midst of Vietnam's peril, Humphries concluded, the missionaries' bags are unpacked—and will not be packed again until "God tells us to go elsewhere."



Rocket-Scarred Cross

REV. JAMES F. HUMPHRIES, Southern Baptist missionary associate in Vietnam, suggests that this rocket-scarred cross, in a cemetery near Long Bien military complex outside Saigon, is a symbol of God's witness even in times of peril. (Photos by James Humphries)



Servicemen Give Bible To Refugee

AT RIGHT, disregarding possible terrorist attacks, members of Trinity Baptist Church, Saigon, give a Vietnamese edition of the Bible to a man in a refugee village. L to r are Air Force Sergeant Chester Johnson, Navy Chief John Cook, and Air Force Sergeant Jim Willis. Lt. Col. Lewis H. Miller, Jr., (above) formerly a chaplain at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base near Saigon and now at Hamilton Air Force Base in California, examines wreckage of his desk following a rocket assault in the Saigon area during the 1968 Tet offensive. He said then, "Our work will become more difficult but not impossible."



Mississippi Pastors Report On Washington-Oregon Crusade

Editor's Note: Excerpts from reports of several of the Mississippi pastors who participated in the recent Washington-Oregon Crusade are printed below. Other similar reports were printed last week, and still others will follow next week.

Baker, Oregon

I was the evangelist in Central Baptist Church, the only Southern Baptist church in Baker, Oregon, city of 10,000, located in the mountains 3,000 feet above sea level, at some 4,000 feet altitude. It was snowing when I arrived and snowing when I left—snows there like it rains here—they have not been without snow since Thanksgiving.

One month before "The Crusade of the Americas" revival was scheduled to begin the pastor resigned.

The revival began Sunday, February 16, with plans to go through the following Friday night. Sunday morning there were seventeen in the preaching service; twenty that night. I asked the Lord for ten professions of faith.

As I preached and witnessed in the homes and other places I experienced an unusual warmth, a freedom and liberty. I didn't understand this until I received a letter from my wife Tuesday, telling me the home church (Grandview) was meeting every night and praying for me and the revival. I was overwhelmed! Who couldn't preach with all that praying going on! God gave us the ten souls.

Before this trip I had not realized what a mission field the Northwest really is. Cities of 10,000 with no Southern Baptist church—a good number of towns and villages with no church of any kind. What a challenge for Southern Baptists to give more to Home Missions so that His Kingdom might come more quickly.

Madras, Oregon

Rev. & Mrs. Bill Baker, Calhoun City

The assignment of communicating the Oregon experience on paper is an impossible one, because this was one of the most memorable weeks of my ministry.

The attendance gradually grew throughout the week climaxing with the largest number of the last night (over 200). The closing service was one of those rare nights that comes too seldom for most of us. In addition to the thrill of the great attendance, the pastor baptized fourteen. Five of these were waiting baptism at the beginning of the meeting. The last day, two others were won to Christ who came forward in the service the following Sunday.

Odell, Oregon

James A. Hurt, Cleveland

In the middle of the beautiful Hood River Valley is Odell, Oregon and the First Baptist Church where I served for two weeks as visiting evangelist. The Church is fourteen years old with a membership of less than 200 with 175 enrolled in Sunday School and 76 enrolled in Training Union. Their pastor is Rev. Don Davis, an automobile repairman and deacon who was called to the ministry and has served the church as its pastor for the past seven years. The church has made excellent progress under his ministry having changed locations and erected an attractive church building.

The church draws from a large area

reaching many people in the city of Hood River. The pastor and people made excellent preparation for the revival. They responded to everything they were asked to do. The people were hungry for the Gospel and we found a warm welcome in every home we visited.

The first Sunday of the revival, February 16, there were 101 present in Sunday School and 53 in Training Union with about 110 in Worship Service. The last Sunday, March 2, there were 204 in Sunday School and 240 in Training Union and 230 in Evening Worship Service.

The visible results of the revival were 21 professions of faith, most of them adults, two by letter and 38 rededications.

Moses Lake, Washington

Paul Harwood, Lynn

Moses Lake, a city of 11,000, is in the Columbia Basin of central Washington, and is a dry desert country. But the First Southern Baptist Church has not been dry and desert. It has been instrumental in starting new missions and churches around it. It is one of the few evangelical churches in the city which has many churches.

The church consists of a fine group of dedicated people who are ready to really reach the local population for Christ. The new Pastor, Noel Brandon, from Oklahoma, had been there only three weeks before the meeting.

The revival services were characterized by a feeling of the closeness of

the Lord. Very few unsaved attended, however, and it was evident that there, as here, the witness must be born out in the streets, homes, schools, and businesses.

I also visited with Jim (Tutwiler) and Paulette (Lyon) Kellum in Seattle. Jim has been pastor of the Richland Highlands Baptist Church of North Seattle only since January 1. He did the preaching himself during their revival. They are happy in the work, but with so much to be done they hardly know which to do first. They find "drowning in lost people."

There is a need for more dedicated pastors to open up new preaching points, more dedicated people who move to that area to be "scattered abroad witnesses," and, always, enough money to adequately carry out Christ's work.

Vancouver, Washington

Malcolm Jones, Houston

I had the pleasure of serving with the Five Corners Baptist Church in Vancouver, Washington, which is a part of the Interstate Association that includes Portland, Oregon. This church is about four years old and has one hundred members. During this Crusade revival we had an average attendance of forty-seven. Out of this there came nine professions of faith, one by letter, and fourteen rededications. On the personal side, a home was saved by the fact that the husband made a profession of faith, an

alcoholic started his road to reclamation, and an entire was given to the church into many homes where professions of faith were made by one member of their family. Many people attended the church for the very first time and this will offer a continuing outreach for possibility for this church.

I was overwhelmed by the immense possibilities of missionary activity, the wonderful spirit of missions in the heart of the people who lived missions, and talked missions, and planned missions. I was the witness that I had no definite witness for Christ. There are four Project 500's in this one association. In east Portland, where all the new developments seem to be, the missionary told us that there is a total population of 100,000 people and that there is not a single Southern Baptist witness in the whole area.

Seattle, Ephrata, Washington

Johanne Briggman, Tylertown

I held revivals in Ephrata, Wash., and in Seattle. I wish all of our church people could sense the vision, the warmth of fellowship, and the dedication of Southern Baptists out there. There are determined to evangelize the Great Northwest in spite of discouragements, frustrations, and limited financial resources—and they will.

The young people in these new struggling churches were to me a great inspiration. Some of them attend church under pressure of persecution from their unsaved parents. Their faithfulness to Christ touched me deeply. So many of the people out there have no point of spiritual reference; even communication becomes a problem in dealing with them.

Seeing the struggle of pioneer work in the Great Northwest has made me more appreciative of God's blessings.

All that is required to make some unimpaired of God's blessings is to receive them so often and so regularly.

Saturday, May 3

MK From Rome, Italy, To Be Crowned Blue Mountain's Queen Of The May

Blue Mountain College makes early announcement of its most eventful day of the current session, Saturday, May 3.

On that day, the annual meeting of the National Alumnae Association will be held; the Sixty-Ninth May Festival of the college will be witnessed and the spring speech production will be presented.

Activities will get underway with registration at 9 a.m. and a full day and evening of additional activities which will be announced later.

Alumnae Day speaker will be Mrs. Henry Wesley Bowman of Alexandria, Louisiana, the former Mary D. Leavelle, a graduate of Blue Mountain. Mrs. Bowman is a well-known teacher and author, whose latest book is entitled, *Now You Gettin' Be Kitten*.

Mrs. Price Paschal of Brandon, Louisiana, calls at-

tention to the fact that special reunions will be held for the classes of 1908, 1904, 1904, 1904, and 1918.

Miss Ginger Herrington of Rayville, Louisiana, vice-president of the Junior Class, will be Chairman of General Arrangements for the afternoon May Festival.

Reigning as Queen of the May Festival will be Miss Sandra Starmer of Rome, Italy. Miss Rose Horn of Jackson, Tennessee, will serve as Maid of Honor.

Members of the Royal Queen's Court will be three maidens representing each class: Freshman class—Cynthia Edlin of Columbus, Iowa; Carol Elliott of Memphis; and Becky Stancil of Memphis.

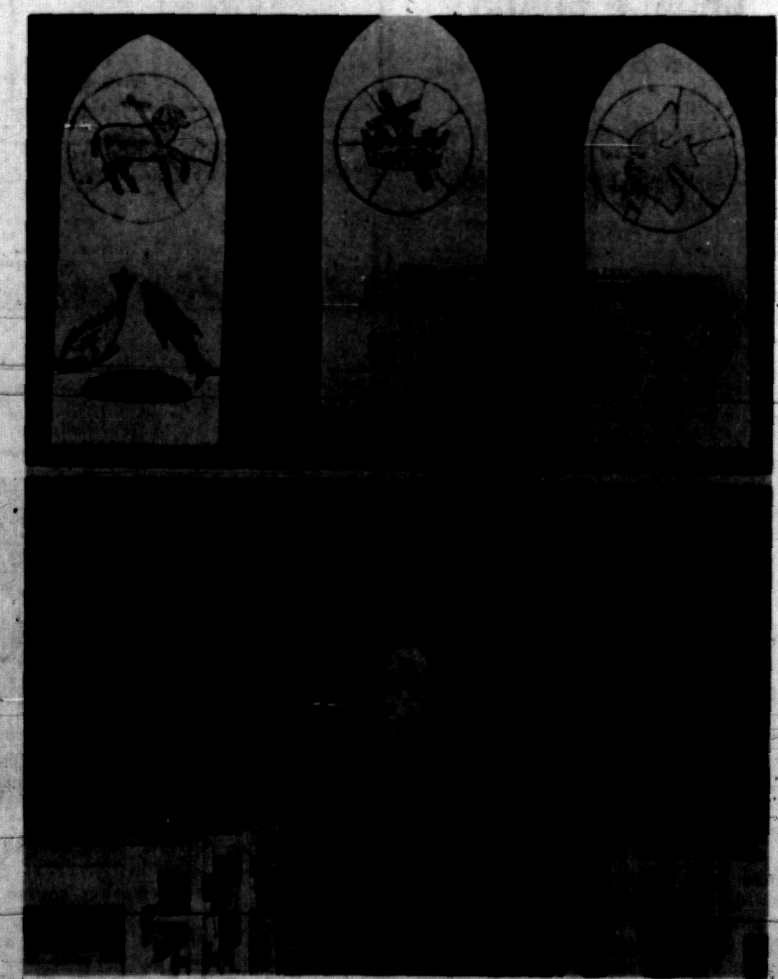
Sophomore Class—Eleanor Griffin of State Springs; May Sue of Holbrook, Kansas; and Kaye Wallace of Slough, Louisiana.

Junior Class—Brenda Lee Moore of Tampa, Florida; Rosemary Sample of Sheffield, Alabama; and Martha Nell Upchurch of Macon.

Senior Class—Jean Dail of Suffolk, Virginia; Janie Sneed of Blue Mountain; and Kathie Wessels of Memphis.

During the activities of the National Alumnae Meeting, recognition will be given to the BMC Alumnae of the Year. Former students and alumnae of the college still have ample time to send nominations for The Alumnae of the Year to the President's office, Blue Mountain College. These sealed nominations will be gladly received on or before April 1, 1969.

Alumnae who wish to arrive on Friday afternoon, May 2, and receive over-night accommodations, should write to Mrs. Mary S. Whitfield, Dean of Students, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi.



'Beach Glass' Church Windows

QUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba—Windows in a chapel at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are made of beach glass, fragments of broken bottles and crockery washed ashore. They were created by Mrs. Doris Montgomery and dedicated in memory of her father, Philip Coulson. Top, a close-up of three of the panels behind the altar. (RNS photo)



Religious Education Class Visits Jackson

A CLASS IN religious education at Mississippi College recently visited Baptist interests in Jackson, and are seen in front of Baptist Building. The class, guided by Dr. Norman O'Neal, professor of religious education is another group studying in the "in-service" training program of the State Convention Board under direction of Therman Bryant, associate in Cooperative Mission Department. These groups study Baptist life and work. On back row can be seen Mr. Bryant, Dr. O'Neal and Dr. Foy Rogers, director of Cooperative Missions Department. At left end of front row Mrs. Betty Henderson, Baptist Building hostess, is seen.

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Leftover Coffee Yields \$122.94

Toward BMC Goal

Try the adventure of selling corn dogs, hot dogs, coffee, Cokes, potato chips and other goodies at an auction in Ripley, Mississippi, and you'll find that with a little planning and a lot of faith, you can clear \$304.16. Just ask any Blue Mountain girl! She'll tell you all about this, all about SUB (the student union building drive) — and how to use leftover coffee, cream, and sugar. Since there is a little difficulty involved in estimating how much sugar, coffee and cream to prepare for such an indefinite number as one to two thousand people, you should be prepared to:

Blend the coffee and entertainment together with a Saturday night on campus, advertise a cover charge of a mere 75 cents, and sit back and wait on the action.

So it was Saturday March 1 at the "Coffeehouse," on Blue Mountain's campus.

During the three hours of the coffeehouse, the girls made \$122.94 for SUB. Now, without coffee and sugar, they're looking for new ways of raising the remaining \$4000 of their \$15,000 goal.

Besides each student's individual contacts, the SUB steering committee has sponsored a slave sale of faculty, concessions at the Ripley auction, and

Ashland Surpasses Missions Goal

Ashland Church surpassed its goal

home missions, at the close of the Week of Prayer, just as it did at the close of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer for foreign missions.

The pastor, Rev. Billy Burney, closed the Week of Prayer on March 9 with an appeal to Christians to become mission-minded, to pray and give that others might know the Saviour. His text was I Cor. 8:4: "There is none other God but one." (See "Revival Dates" column.)

a penny dinner where each word spoken cost the speaker one penny. Last week, the Athletic Council voted to give the proceeds of the Faculty-All Star basketball game (\$126) to SUB.

Since beginning the drive last November, the students have raised \$11,300 and are enthusiastically working for the \$4000 they lack. When this goal is reached, the students will present the \$15,000 to the Board of Trustees to reinforce their request for a student union building where there will be more coffee, cream and entertainment.

Coffee, anyone?

1st Yazoo City

The New Bus Is Going To Be Busy

First Church, Yazoo City, is now the owner of this new church bus pictured above. The bus, which had been on order for several months, arrived in Yazoo City on Wednesday, February 26.

The new 45-passenger Fisher-type bus was built with an International chassis and a Blue Bird body and was ordered through the Blue Bird Body Company in Fort Valley, Georgia.

A study was made by a temporary bus committee which looked into the feasibility of the church's purchasing a bus. The detailed study, done in cooperation with the organizational heads, revealed an expressed need for a church bus. The church feels that by having a bus available, this will facilitate transportation for certain activities now a part of the church program, and will enable the church to enrich their church program by providing additional opportunities, especially for the young people.

The church will put its new bus into full service within the coming weeks and months. Some activities already scheduled to utilize it are the Associ-

ational Youth Action Night when the First Baptist Youth Choir will be transported to the host county church to present the Christian folk musical, "Good News," a trip to Jackson for the Junior Choir to participate in the State Junior Choral Festival at the Coliseum, a Youth Choir tour to Ohio in July in connection with the Crusade Revivals in the Steele Valley Association, and a "family week" week to Gulfshore or one of the south-wide assemblies.

Rev. James F. Yates is pastor of the First Church, Yazoo City, and Rev. Eddie Prather serves as associate pastor. Members of the Permanent Bus Committee are Dr. Harold G. Magee, Chairman, George Utz, Billy Byrd, W. C. Martin, and Mr. Prather, ex-officio.

Gilfoy Girls Wish To Speak

Students of the Gilfoy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital are reaching out geographically to learn about Christian ministry.

Miss Kathryn Bearden, director of the Baptist Student Union at the school, said students want to "share their Christian testimony with others." She said the students are looking for invitations from churches throughout the state to tell of their experience with Christianity.

In another project, Miss Bearden said that some 30 students travelled to New Orleans Friday, March 21, for visits to missions in that area.

April Seminar Set For Ministers Of Education

NASHVILLE—A five-day series of meetings, including a session concerning preparation for the 1970's, will be held April 14-18 for ministers of education across the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Gilfoy Nurses Win Cotton States Basketball Tournament

The Gilfoy School of Nursing Cotton States Basketball Tournament, which was held in Memphis, Tenn., last week, was won by the Gilfoy team. Twelve teams participated in the three-day tournament.

In addition, two forwards from the team — Mrs. Paula Puckett Meaders of Chubb, and Miss Sharon Rice, of Wesson — were named to the all-tournament team.

The award for the most valuable player in the tournament was presented to Miss Sharon Rice. Miss Rice played high school ball in Wesson and attended Copiah-Lincoln Junior College prior to enrolling in the Gilfoy School of Nursing. Miss Rice scored an average of 20 points per game during this tournament.

Gilfoy defeated the University of Tennessee Volleets, 31-22, in their first game. The Barones Erlanger team from Chattanooga, Tenn., was their second victim, being trimmed by a score of 80-33. In the final championship game, the Gilfoy girls defeated a Fort Smith, Ark., team composed of students from St. Vincent and Sparks Memorial Schools of nursing, by a score of 38-27.



Jonah In Mississippi

First Church, Shelby has recently had some unusual guests. It is reported that the Old Testament character Jonah and the New Testament figure Simon Peter were surprise pulpit guests on separate occasions. The congregation registered quite a surprise one Sunday night when at the conclusion of the song service onto the platform walked a Jew named Jonah. (Who said Jonah wasn't a real person?)

Pastor Allen E. Harrod wore an authentic ancient Biblical costume. Even his leather thong looked like they had been purchased out of a Palestinian shop long ago. His robe bore the bright colors of a rainbow. His long dark beard flowed down under a red head covering.

Jonah's life story was given from his book in the Bible. As he told about the storm in which he was cast overboard, the congregation could hear the sound of wind and rain lashing against the sail. It was an impressive moment as he pleaded for the repentance of the First Baptist Church even as he pleaded with Nineveh. (The pastor did not indicate whether his congregation covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes.)

On another occasion Mr. Harrod brought a dramatic monologue on Simon Peter. Dressed in a different, yet similar attire, he gave the story of Simon Peter from his call to follow Christ to his message at Pentecost. An impressive moment came as he recalled how he had denied the Lord three times. At the conclusion of the third time a cock was heard in the background crowing, reminding him of his denial. (One little boy walked out asking, "Daddy, what happened to that rooster?")

These were two of the five dramatic monologues to be delivered on Sunday nights throughout the year.

Black Hawk Men Save To Build Church

PICTURED ARE THE Building Committee and pastor of Black Hawk Church, at Black Hawk, Miss. Standing, left to right: Watson Cox, Howard Collins Jr., Carroll Ellis, Rev. Howard Paul Collins, Tom Carpenter, Longino Wiltshire. Front row, left to right, Malcomb Wiltshire, Roy Kitchens, and Floyd Alford. This is the graded lot, the future home of the Black Hawk Church. This committee and their pastor, on faith, have saved about \$1100.00 as of this date. "We would hope that every one who reads this would lift this little struggling church up to God in their prayers," states the pastor.

22 Enter 25th Class

For Practical Nurses

The 25th class of student practical nurses of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital is under way, with an enrollment of 22 — the largest single class in the history of the hospital's school of practical nursing.

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Clarke Choral Groups Plan Spring Tour

The Concert Choir of Clarke College and the Clarke Singers will make their spring tour the week of March 30-April 4, presenting sacred concerts in six churches throughout north Mississippi and one in Memphis. Also they will present secular programs in 24 high schools.

The choral groups will be under the direction of James B. McElroy of the Clarke music faculty.

The first concert will be at First Church, Calhoun City, on Sunday morning, March 30, and the groups go from there to Memphis for a concert at the Leewood Church that night.

Monday through Friday, March 31-April 4, the singing groups have evening engagements in the following churches: Monday, First, Holly Springs; Tuesday, Harrisburg, Tupelo; Wednesday, First, New Albany; Thursday, First, Aberdeen; and Friday, Fairview, Columbus.

High school appearances by the Concert Choir and the Clarke Singers on their tour are scheduled as follows: Monday — Horn Lake, Coldwater, North Panola High School at Sardis and South Panola at Batesville; Tuesday — Hickory Flat, Ripley, Tupelo, Ashland, Falkner and Walnut; Wednesday — Smithville, East Amory, Hamilton and Aberdeen; Thursday — Eury, Hurricane at Pontotoc, Thaxton, Randolph, Pontotoc, and Algona; Friday — West Point, Cumberland, Mathiston, and Ackers.

The Clarke Singers, a select choral group of voice students, are composed of two small ensembles: the Choralaires, men's ensemble, and the Choralettes, ladies' ensemble. Choral students composing the choral groups are as follows:

CONCERT CHOIR — Ruth Calahan, Nellie Bridges, Mary Ann Edwards, Johnny Eubanks, Larry Gatewood, Wayne Griffith, Harriet Hitt, Jerry Jolly, Shirley Jones, Chester Keene, Butch Knight, Benny Lewis, Diane Lloyd, Kay Lowe, Linda Marter, Pat McDill, David Miller, Sharon Mitchell, Bill Ogletree, Kerry Sartin, Markon Seane, Dewayne Tanton, E. J. Tynes, Danny Waddell, Beth Walker and David Whitehead.

SINGERS: Marilyn Allen, Bobbie Coley, Tina Headrick, Sandra H'ull, Kathy Richey, Bobbie Winstead, Cathy Woods, Gary Cornett, Thomas Gant, Gene Gillis, Danny Ray Jones, Danny Lee, Thomas McInnis, John Patterson, David Walker, Leland Fuller, Glenn Shows and Solie Everett. Accompanists are Leslie Jernigan and Kathy Richey.

cause they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they had ability beyond words to describe. Man can never save anyone. We must depend upon the Holy Spirit to do his wonderful work.

The day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of prophecy. Joel was right when he said, "God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters."

The Spirit had come upon men for special services, in the Old Testament, but now the Spirit was coming to abide forever upon the believers.

God had designed a day in history that he planned to send the Holy Spirit to the earth. It was no accident that the Spirit came on Pentecost.

The Work of the Holy Spirit
The Holy Spirit came upon the disciples to enable them to stand strong as witnesses for him. When the disciples were beaten, warned, threatened, the Holy Spirit gave them a spirit of boldness that was foreign to their human nature. The source of missions was the dynamics of the Holy Spirit.



"The Return of the Prodigal"

"THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL" by Murillo (1617-1682)—This masterpiece is among the more than 50 paintings featured in "Art and the Bible," an NBC "Baptist Hour" color special being televised nationally from 2:00 to 2:30 p. m., Eastern Time, Sunday, March 30. The program, produced by NBC

in association with Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission and filmed in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., shows how great masters presented religious and Biblical themes in their works.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

Jesus Rejected And Crucified

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 14:43 to 15:41

Mark avoids all sentimentality in recounting the sordid events in the awful humiliation and agony of Jesus. He tells the simple facts with no effort to glorify the suffering of Jesus. In our larger Bible lesson we have the following sequence of events: Judas identified Jesus to the soldiers with a treacherous kiss;

Jesus was arrested and taken before the Sanhedrin; the trial before the Sanhedrin, in two successive stages, resulted in Jesus being condemned for blasphemy; during the trial, Peter denied his Lord; Jesus was turned over to Pilate, the Roman governor, who sought to release Jesus and then delivered him up to be crucified, yielding to the pressure of the chief priests and their crowd; Jesus was mocked and ridiculed by the soldiers and then crucified on Golgotha.

The Lesson Explained
Condemned by the Sanhedrin (14:55-65)

Jesus was arrested, likely soon after midnight, and brought before the Sanhedrin. This was an informal and irregular trial, since no legal trial could be held during the night. Many witnesses spoke against Jesus, giving false testimony without agreement. The testimony about Jesus destroying the Temple was both twisted and false. He had not threatened to destroy the Temple; but they made the words he had spoken apply to the building, whereas he had spoken of his body. Jesus was silent before his accusers. But when asked by the high priest if he were the Christ, that is, the Messiah, he answered yes. He openly declared that he was "the Son of the Blessed" — and further declared his exaltation to the presence of God. At this, the high priest tore his garments in a rage of indignation and charged Jesus with blasphemy, the penalty for which was death. The whole council united in defaming and condemning Jesus. He was Israel's Suffering Servant; but the chief priests determined to get rid of him, whatever the means of the cost.

"Suffered Under Pontius Pilate"

A formal trial by the Sanhedrin was held after sunrise, for a show of legality, to confirm the sentence already passed. They delivered Jesus to Pilate, who alone had power to execute the death sentence. In answer to Pilate's question, if he were the king of the Jews, implied that he was but not in the way that Pilate meant it. Pilate knew that the envy of the chief priests had led to the charge against Jesus. He believed Jesus to be innocent. But he vacillated with weakness, first trying to release Jesus, according to a custom to release a notable prisoner at the time, and then insisting that Jesus had done no evil, but then yielding to the pressure of the chief priests and the clamor of the multitude excited by the chief priests. He then delivered Jesus to the soldiers to be scourged and crucified.

Nailed To The Cross (15:24-27)

Time and eternity converged on Golgotha when the Son of God was nailed to a cross, crucified between two criminals. Jesus declined the narcotic offered to him, because he would not spare himself any of the pain. The accusation, "THE KING OF THE JEWS," was inscribed over the cross. It declared the truth; he was indeed the long-promised Deliverer. But it implied a falsehood: he was in no sense a traitor. The two robbers crucified with him may indeed have been revolutionary plotters against Rome. The verses following the printed passage tell of the motley crowd, gathered around the cross and passing by, who rallied on Jesus, wagging their heads and taunting him to come down from the cross.

Truths to Live By

The sufferings of Jesus were real and terrible. — Jesus was a man, intensely and perfectly human. Scourging and beating and spikes driven through hands and feet meant pain. Hanging on the cross meant torture.

The sins of all the world, all their shame and suffering, were piled on him.
The cross declares the limitless love of God. — The wonder of God's love must never become commonplace. Such love transcends all human love, goes beyond it to an unmeasured degree.

The Holy Spirit: The Dynamic Of Missions

Acts 1:8; 2:1-18; 5:29-32
By Bill Duncan

It is almost impossible to exaggerate how dependent we are on the Holy Spirit in missions. We are dependent upon Him for opening the doors of service in missions. We are dependent upon His leadership for the call of missionary personnel. We are dependent upon Him for the leadership of the work of missions.

at every point of need. We are dependent upon Him for conviction of men of sin before and after salvation, for giving people understanding of the Gospel, causing people to be born again, guiding in the prayer life in fact for everything. No wonder that Satan tries to counterfeit the work of the Holy Spirit and confuse his work.

Satan is very active today trying to confuse men from understanding the importance and work of the Holy Spirit. The extremes of emotional excesses to the ignoring of the Holy Spirit can be found in a discussion of the Holy Spirit.

However, any discussion of missions must cover the work of the Holy Spirit. Missions was born in the heart of God, and the Holy Spirit has been God involved in missions.

Mission's Promise

When Jesus left this earth to go back to the Father, the disciples did not fully understand what their roles should be. However, Christ promised the Holy Spirit, who would baptize them. All of their future depended upon the work of the Holy Spirit. The promise was to bring a desire for the Spirit that would fill them with ability and insight. But the promise of the Holy Spirit was tied up with missions. The Lord only sends the Spirit to accomplish his aims. The witness was to be extended to the end of the earth because of the gift.

"But ye shall receive power" is the promise that we all have made to us. We need the power of the Holy Spirit if we do anything for the master. This is a promise to a person, not a church nor any group. The power is from one person to another. The promise does not guarantee success but it supplies ability.

The promise was that God was not leaving the disciples but would always be with them. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit should show us that God cares about his people and his church.

The Day of the Holy Spirit

The day of Pentecost was a historical event in the life of the mission work. There were gathered at Jerusalem people from all corners of the world, by the providence of God. When the Spirit came upon the people, especially the disciples, many things happened.

(1) Peter was used mightily as a spokesman for God. The act of preaching is foolishness without the power of the Holy Spirit. But God can use the message to multiply the words to reach the hearts of men. The witness of Peter shows us that the task

of missions must have men telling of their experience. When men use God's word, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, then good results will take place.

(2) The Holy Spirit brought salvation to all those who believed. These in turn became evangelists who went back to all the countries of the known world. Three thousand persons accepted Christ as the Messiah and, be-

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Brotherhood

Brotherhood Retreats

The Brotherhood Department will be directing the Third Annual Brotherhood Retreats for Mississippi May 9-10 for the Southern part of the state, and May 16-17 for the North. A challenging, inspiring, informative type of program is being planned. The central theme is being built around the idea of the Christian man and his place of leadership in the home.

The South Retreat will be held at the Paul B. Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg, and the one for the North will be at Tombigbee State Park, Tupelo, with registration beginning at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon in each case. Please watch this column for further details relating to the registration, cost, and program personnel.

Revival Dates

Franklin Church, Flora: March 30-April 4; (Easter Sunday is target date for a record number in Sunday school.) Rev. J. H. Royalty (pictured), pastor of Clinton Boulevard Church, Jackson, evangelist; Michael Smith, minister of music at Clinton Boulevard Church, song leader; Rev. George L. Lewis, pastor; services at 7:30 nightly.

French Camp: April 6-11; Rev. James E. Smith, pastor, First Church, Mendenhall, evangelist; Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor.

Pleasant Hill (Simpson) near New Hebron: April 1-4; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Maurice Gerges from Lebanon, evangelist.

FIRST, MARKS: March 30-April 4; Crusade of Americas revival; Rev. Reece Kyzar, pastor of First, Rolling Fork, evangelist; Ray Simpson, Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, singer; services at 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Wilbur B. Webb, pastor.

Wayside Church, Scooby: April 6-11; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Wesley L. Nicholass, Henderson, Tenn., evangelist; Pat H. Gullede, Grenada, singer; Rev. Wm. G. West, Jr., pastor.

Calvary Church, Belson: March 30-April 4; services 7:30 nightly; Rev. Billy McDaniels, evangelist; Rev. Gerald Porter, pastor.

Houlka (Chickasaw): April 13-18; Crusade of Americas; services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Rev. William Irwin, Forest Hill Church, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Julian West, pastor.

CALHOUN CITY, FIRST: MARCH 30-APRIL 4; Dr. Fred Howard, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., evangelist; Mrs. Bill R. Baker, singer; Sunday services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; weekday services at 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; special guests Sunday morning, March 30, Clarke College Concert Choir; Rev. Bill R. Baker, pastor.

Come Church, Como: April 6-11; Rev. Herman Hayes, (pictured) missionary to Vietnam, now on furlough and residing at Bossier City, La. (former pastor at South McComb), evangelist; Don Brown, minister of music at First, Indianola, singer; Rev. Eugene Strickland, pastor; Sunday school attendance campaign in progress, anticipating record attendance first Sunday of revival, striving to encourage total resident church membership to be present in Sunday school that day (During the Communists' lunar new year attack early in 1968 in Saigon, Mr. Hayes and his wife and nine-year-old daughter, Hope, were in their home, which fronts the Pho Tho racetrack, a position seized and defended by the Communists until they were driven out by tanks and dive-bombers. Appointed in April, 1969, they were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Vietnam. He baptized 33 of the charter members of the first church to result from the new venture.)



Angulla, Sharkey-Issaquena Association: Crusade of the Americas; March 30-April 5; services Sunday 7 p. m.; Monday-Friday, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Saturday, April 5, at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Carl Barnes (pictured) pastor of Woodlawn, Vicksburg, evangelist; Alvyn Moore, music director, First, Vicksburg, song leader; Rev. Dale Wilson, pastor.

Easthaven, Brookhaven: March 30-April 4; Rev. Bill Cox, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Truitt Broadus, McComb, singer; services nightly at 7:30; weekday services 12:05-12:30, downtown in "The Jungle"; Rev. Charles R. Moore, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Columbus: 10 professions of faith; 3 rededications; 4 for conference, 4 additions by letter; Rev. Don Womack, full-time evangelist; Frank Adams, song leader; Miss Linda Murphy, organist; Mrs. Rudolph Bounds, pianist; Rev. Mack D. Rutledge, pastor.

Wilson Elected Child Care Leaders' Prexy

JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga. (BP)—George R. Wilson, superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home of Arizona in Phoenix, was elected here president of the Child Care Executives of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Child care executives from 19 states and the District of Columbia chose Wilson to succeed James V. Browning of Oklahoma City, and voted to hold their 1970 meeting in Phoenix. The 1971 meeting will be held in Jackson, Miss.

Spain Migrants Hear Baptist Broadcasts

Spanish migrants in southern France, regular listeners to Spanish Baptist shortwave broadcasts, greeted "like old friends" a radio preacher and a Southern Baptist missionary who recently toured the area.

Senor Narciso Nunez, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Sabadell, Spain, and Missionary Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., (Mississippi) promoter of the Spanish Baptist Union's radio committee, found that listeners are often attracted to broadcasts simply because they are glad to hear something in their own language.

Spanish Baptists have been airing programs over Trans-World Radio in Monte Carlo, Monaco, for over four years. Their small recording studio is at the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary in Barcelona.

Students at the seminary do the clerical work connected with the programs. Senor Nunez answers most of the letters from listeners. (Mail indicates there are listeners in 12 countries of Europe and North Africa.)

A half hour Sunday morning program forms the basis for worship services in many homes and places where Spanish migrants gather. Mefford reports. Noonday devotional programs are presented three times a week.

REVIVAL RESULTS

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Africa: A native of Johns, Miss., Miss Harris was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960.

J. D. Alexander of Wiggins has received one of 14 cash awards granted March 1 at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. The \$100 scholarship was one of six provided through the Eugene Thompson Memorial Fund.

John Lockhart, a junior from Jackson, has been elected President of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi College for the school year 1969-70. Elected by popular vote to serve with Lockhart on the religious activities steering committee were Van Johnson, Besspers; Kay Cooper, Personal Growth; Sally Dyess, Education; Kay Hamkins, Ministry on Campus; Ralph Bothea, Ministry off Campus; Linda Fields, Recreation; Sue Evans, Communications; Martha Little, Enlistment and Involvement; and David Fairchild, Properties.

Howard Carpenter of Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, has been selected to appear in the 1969 edition of *Community Leaders of America*. Mr. Carpenter is an outstanding educator, writer, and speaker and has received many honors, recognitions and awards in recent years. He is a nationally known speaker.

Off The Record

Every Time!
"Every time I ask you something," the angered husband said to his wife, "you answer all my questions with another question. Why?"
"Do I really do that?" the wife replied.

Post Script
A safety sign read: "School—Don't Kill a Child."
Beneath was a childish scrawl: "Wait for the teacher."

Operation Currency
Doctor: "How is the little boy who swallowed the silver dollar?"
Nurse: "No change yet, Doctor."

The Expert
"My husband," said Mrs. Smith, "is an efficiency expert."
"Imagine that!" exclaimed Mrs. Brown. "But what exactly does an efficiency expert do?"
"Mrs. Smith thought a moment. 'Well, you see,' she said, 'if women did it, it would be called nagging.'"



The Calvary Chorale To Sing On April 4

CALVARY CHURCH, Pascagoula, will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ", of Theodore Dubois on Friday Evening, April 4, at 8:00 p. m. in the sanctuary with guest soloists Cecil Harper, First, Jackson; John Paul Roblin, First, Hattiesburg; Dora Lowe Odom, Calvary, Pascagoula; and Osear Ted Beverly, organist, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Alabama. In addition to their duties in the sanctuary and youth choirs, these members of the congregation rehearse two hours each week under the direction of James E. Hawkins, church organist, for performance. The CHORALE has appeared on the coast for revivals and associational meetings. Pictured are: Front row L-R; Jerolyn McCrary, Annette Graham, Claudia Hawkins, Lucille Slusher, Donna Merritt, and Joyce Mathis. Back row L-R; W. A. Storie, J. E. Wilson, Jim Wilson, Buddy Mathis, F. E. Smith, James Miller, and Ben Thames. Rev. Byron E. Mathis is pastor of the church; Rev. James V. Miller is associate pastor and director of music.

Rev. E. P. Keen Dies—Pastor 45 Years

Rev. E. P. Keen of Louisville, Miss., who had been a pastor for 45 years, died on March 7.

Mr. Keen was a graduate of Mississippi College, and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Up until the time of his illness, and as much as his health permitted thereafter, he had been active in religious and educational affairs of this state, and in other states. He was a well-known preacher and leader.

Harmony Church, Winston County, where Mr. Keen was pastor for six years, has prepared a memorial service in his honor.

but in his honor. In part, the tribute states, "Many honors came his way. He was always humble and gave God the glory. Blessed is the man who can walk among his fellow men straight and tall, yet lowly and meek. He was a friend in whom no guile was found, and no hypocrisy existed."

"The seeds he planted are the seeds of kindness, knowledge, quiet leadership, assurance in his eternal God, calmness in strife, faith in God, a noble Christian character. Many such men are never noted by historians, but they are noted just the same, for their lives live on and on. Many young men will preach the gospel because of his life, not only in America, but in foreign lands, too."

"It is a great loss to see such a towering oak suddenly fall, but even in the falling, tiny little acorns have been spread abroad, and in due season, a great forest will grow. He fought a patiently determined fight to lead a rich life of Christian service, continuing to be a soulwinner during his years of illness."

"The greatest thing that can be said of any man can be stated of him: 'He was a noble Christian man, one who walked and talked with God.'"



First, Magee, No. 12 In Per Capita Mission Gifts

The First Baptist Church of Magee was number twelve in the state in Cooperative Program per capita giving in 1967-68. The World Missions Program receives 20% of this church's budget and this includes 20% of the third Sunday offering which is a regular building fund day.

An annual stewardship emphasis and strong pulpit emphasis on missions and the Cooperative Program across the years have resulted in an unusual vision and commitment to missions on the part of the men and women.

Through the church, individuals and congregation support a foreign missionary family and a single foreign missionary. David and Ollie Mayhall were members of this church and her parents are still members there. These facts heighten the missionary interest.

Personal involvement in Home Missions has also been a contributing factor. Nine of the laymen went to Salt Lake City this year on a mission trip. The church supports a church in Lewistown, Montana and the Murray-Midvale Mission in Montana.

The associational minutes reveal that this church increased its total receipts from \$79,000 in 1965 to \$114,771 last year.

Rev. Mel C. Craft is the pastor.



The Ladies Wore Leis

THE OCCASION pictured above was a WMU study on Hawaii, held at First Church, Pearlington, Rev. J. L. Wardle, pastor. The ladies are: (seated, left to right) Mrs. Lena Pearl Landrum, Mrs. Ruby Marie Wardle, WMU president, Mrs. Machado, Mrs. Mittie Breland, (standing left to right) Mrs. Oscar Holden, Mrs. Lona Smith, Mrs. Cella Walling, and Mrs. Doris Fricke.

Devotional

"Learn From Me"

How To Live The Best Life

By Horace L. Kerr
Director of Education-Administration
First Church, Jackson

Jesus is interested in our having the best possible life. He explained that He came into the world "that they might have life, and might have it abundantly." (John 10:10 NASB) He came to bring men eternal life; an abundance of the best life.

How can we obtain that life and live it at its best? In the last three weeks through this column, we have sought to become His disciples, to be enrolled in His school; to learn the true meaning of life and to find purpose in this life. We have seen that there is no meaning or purpose apart from Christ.

Now He says, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to have his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:24, 25 NASB) The best life is one of commitment to Christ. This requires self-denial, even self-crucifixion! As strange as it may seem to us, Jesus' self-denial is the way to find the best life then you must give yourself away. In so doing we become more like Him who lived the ultimate life.

He further teaches, "If you keep My commandments you will abide in My life, just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." (John 15:10-12 NASB) Jesus' joy came from abiding in the Father's love. He wishes for His followers that same joy which can come from abiding in His love. As one abides in His love, he will keep Christ's commandments, one of which is that we love one another. Life's miseries develop when the power to love, which God intended should be expended on others, is turned inward on itself. Refusal to let this love flow through one to others is contrary to Jesus' teaching here and keeps one from experiencing the best life.

O God, let this reader know more of the joys of the Best life.

Names In The News

Richard Van Egmond has been called as minister of music and youth at Goodyear Church, Picayune, from First Church, Petal, where he served in a similar capacity for three years. Both Mr. Van Egmond and his wife, Virginia, are natives of Mississippi. Richard is a senior at William Carey College. Mrs. Van Egmond is a student at University of Southern Mississippi. They have one daughter, age three. Rev. Arlie F. Grice is pastor of the Goodyear Church.

Rev. Clyde Gordon, formerly pastor in Mississippi, was called three years ago from the pastorate of First Church, Scottville, Kentucky, to enter full-time evangelism, and is still in that field of work. During the past three years he has held 102 revivals in 108 Southern Baptist churches, several of these in Mississippi. Mr. Gordon's address is 1514 Shawnee Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101. Will be in his home state for several revivals this of Shreveport. "I am an evangelist year. He says the Lord called me to only because I have never been happier in my whole life."

Glen Shows of Brookhaven has accepted a call from First Baptist Mission in Union to become a music minister. He is a music major in the senior year at Clark College, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Shows of Brookhaven, where his father is the principal of Mamie L. Martin Elementary School in Brookhaven, and his mother is a second grade teacher at the same school. His parents are members of First Church, Brookhaven. He has two brothers in church-related work. Scotty Shows, minister of music at Calvary Church, Shreveport, and Bobby Shows, director of activities at First Church, Shreveport, La. The mission pastor is Rev. Arthur Hays, Jr.

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Luther C. Browning, John M. Self, and E. L. Shaw were recently ordained as deacons at West Church. The church also recently was the recipient of an attractive outdoor bulletin board made by Deacon E. E. Tate. Rev. Jerry Tate is pastor.

Rev. Richard "Bill" Windham of Friendship Church, Pontotoc County, has been ordained to the gospel ministry. He is now pastor of Turnpike Church. Turnpike has gone full-time, is participating in the Cooperative Program and is having excellent attendance. Rev. Herbert Howell is pastor of Friendship Church.

Clarence W. Duncan has recently accepted the position of minister of education on the staff of First Church, Batesville. He has already moved on the field. The church is building a new home for him and his family. Mr. Duncan, a native of Georgia, graduated from Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, and Master's in Religious Education from New Orleans Seminary. He served as minister of education in Rock Park Church,

Birmingham, and Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis. He is married to the former Frances Weaver of Calhoun, Georgia, and they have two children, Keith, 8, and Karen, 3. Rev. J. R. Davis is pastor at 1st, Batesville.

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